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## End of an Era: A Transition Begins - Part 2



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### We'll likely hear more about this



As faithful blog readers will know, the UC chief investments officer put \$4.5 billion of pension and endowment monies in the Blackstone Real Estate Trust as a kind of bailout for the trust as it experienced a run on the bank. All of this was in search of a special UC extra-high rate of return in exchange for the bailout.

It's unclear whether this return has actually been received; back in February we noted an article indicating that the extra return was a kind of IOU being carried by BREIT rather than an actual payout.\* There have also been stories questioning BREIT's valuation of its assets.\*\*

This blog has focused primarily on the financial side of the story. At the Regents, there have been protests concerning the landlord-tenant side of BREIT investments. Now the [LA Times](#) has published an extensive review of public pension plan (including UC) investments in funds such as BREIT, largely from the landlord-tenant perspective: Do their investments raise rents in California?

The article is quite lengthy. You can find it at:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-08-01/to-help-the-middle-class-retire-public-pensions-are-driving-gentrification-critics-say>. Excerpt:

*"The data tracked by The Times covers rent for available units and thus show an increase in housing costs for people looking for a new place to live. Several tenants also told The Times their rent climbed faster once the pension-linked funds in The Times' analysis took over."*

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Basically, the article describes a strategy of funds such as BREIT, using in part investments from public pension funds, of buying older buildings, doing some refurbishing which upscales them, and then raising rents. The funds respond that rents are rising because of low rates of new construction.

In any case, we may see renewed complaints at the Regents from tenants in response to the article.







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\*<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2024/02/does-this-make-you-nervous.html>.

\*\*<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2024/05/maybe-outlook-isnt-so-breit.html>. Using the search option for "BREIT" on this blog will bring up other related stories.

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Legislative Suggestions?



The following request was circulated by an academic department:

*The UC Office of State Governmental Relations (SGR) would like to solicit your ideas for issues that may require legislation sponsored by the University in 2025. Although the number of legislative proposals in any given year that SGR can accommodate as sponsored legislation is limited, we would like to encourage you to submit proposals for changes to state law that may be necessary or desirable as they relate to University programs, activities or existing statute.*







*When considering whether to submit a legislative proposal, keep in mind that proposals with significant fiscal costs or implications to the University face unique obstacles as they may compete with the University's annual State Budget Request. So, we encourage legislative proposals to not have fiscal costs if possible.*

Suggestions can be made at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel63WltdeyCySo57rYH4gFxpPcD3o75HZqemA9yYKGEzUwA/viewform>.

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Thursday, August 1, 2024

End of an Era: A Transition Begins



**Gene Block**  
@UCLACHancellor

I often say that @UCLA is a state university with a global orientation. I made international engagement a focus area of my tenure because it helps our scholars address pressing issues that span national borders & helps us prepare graduates who can thrive in a global economy. 🌍💙

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Join us in celebrating the legacy of @UCLACHancellor Gene Block, who took a hands-on approach to positioning the university as a major player on the international stage. UCLA thanks you for your 17 years of leadership!







[ucla.in/3ycueds](https://ucla.in/3ycueds)

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Source: <https://x.com/UCLACHancellor/status/1818772953930317882>.

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Getting In

UCOP has released data on new admissions for fall 2024. Note that an applicant who is admitted may or may not accept and appear in the fall. That is, actual enrollment may differ from admissions.

*...Overall, the University admitted a record 166,706 students (137,200 first-year and 29,506 transfer students). This included 93,920 first-year admission offers to California students, up 4.3 percent (3,867) from last year. This represents an all-time high for the number of California first-years admitted in a single year and is up more than 31,400 over 2014.*

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The admission rate for first-year California residents increased from 68 percent last year to 70 percent this year. UC is poised to enroll more California undergraduates than ever, building on systemwide progress toward the shared enrollment goals outlined in the budget compact with the state...

Source: <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-breaks-admissions-records-surges-california-and-underrepresented>.



Below are two of several tables that accompany the release above:

Fall 2024 UC Undergraduate Preliminary Admissions Summary

Table 1b. Fall 2024 Undergraduate Admit Summary Percentages

	UC Total <sup>1</sup>	Berkeley	Davis	Irvine	Los Angeles	Mercad	Riverside	San Diego	Santa Barbara	Santa Cruz
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
First-Year										
CA Resident	68%	79%	60%	54%	67%	84%	83%	64%	67%	75%
Domestic US	18%	16%	17%	22%	22%	4%	6%	23%	19%	13%
International	14%	5%	23%	24%	11%	11%	12%	14%	14%	11%
First-Year Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Transfer <sup>2</sup>										
CA Resident	90%	93%	89%	88%	91%	91%	92%	87%	89%	94%
Domestic US	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
International	8%	7%	10%	11%	8%	8%	7%	12%	10%	5%
Transfer Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CCC Only Transfer Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 2b. Fall 2024 Undergraduate First-Year CA Resident Admit Percentages

	UC Total <sup>1</sup>	Berkeley	Davis	Irvine	Los Angeles	Mercad	Riverside	San Diego	Santa Barbara	Santa Cruz
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Race/Ethnicity <sup>3</sup>										
African American	6%	5%	4%	5%	8%	7%	6%	4%	4%	4%
American Indian	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>4</sup>	39%	20%	30%	32%	28%	43%	38%	36%	29%	30%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
URIG <sup>5</sup> Subtotal	45%	32%	35%	38%	37%	53%	49%	41%	34%	35%
Asian	33%	42%	41%	43%	39%	33%	41%	38%	39%	37%
White	18%	20%	20%	15%	19%	11%	11%	17%	22%	24%
Unknown	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%	4%
Income Level <sup>6</sup>										
Low Income	41%	29%	36%	35%	31%	50%	43%	40%	32%	31%
Not Low Income	48%	52%	50%	52%	51%	42%	47%	48%	52%	54%
Unknown	11%	19%	14%	13%	17%	9%	10%	12%	16%	15%
Gender Identity										
Woman	55%	58%	58%	59%	58%	49%	54%	58%	58%	56%
Man	40%	36%	36%	36%	37%	48%	41%	38%	37%	38%
Trans Woman	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Trans Man	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Nonbinary	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Different Identity/Unknown	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
First Generation College Status <sup>8</sup>										
1st Gen Coll	43%	30%	38%	37%	31%	52%	45%	41%	33%	32%
Not 1st Gen	54%	68%	58%	59%	65%	45%	52%	56%	63%	64%
Unknown	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%

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Doing the Math

The legislature is always pushing to ease the transfer process between community colleges and UC. At the same time, we have the ongoing controversy about math requirements to enter UC as a freshman. As it happens, there is a Senate document under review concerning proposed transfer requirements. Below is a sampling of what UC would like transfer students to have in the way of math in various STEM fields.



The proposed Pathway in Chemical Engineering will consist of the following courses:

- Calculus-based physics (full sequence with lab)
- Single-variable calculus (full sequence)
- Multivariable calculus (one semester course)
- Linear Algebra (one course)
- Differential Equations (one course)
- General Chemistry (full sequence with lab)
- Organic Chemistry (full sequence with lab)

UCLA can be as neutral as the rest of them

Shifting Into Neutral: It's a Thing! - Part 2

Yale's Committee

Didn't want to let this issue slide

Numbers & Ratios - We Report; You Decide

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- 2020 (914)
- 2019 (671)
- 2018 (595)
- 2017 (666)
- 2016 (715)
- 2015 (765)
- 2014 (704)
- 2013 (776)
- 2012 (839)
- 2011 (738)
- 2010 (431)
- 2009 (12)

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• A programming course (MATLAB is recommended) (one semester)

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The proposed Pathway in Data Science will consist of the following courses:

- An introductory course in data science/statistics
- A two-course sequence in single-variable calculus
- Multivariable calculus
- Linear Algebra
- At least two courses in computer programming

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The proposed Pathway in Statistics will consist of the following courses:

- An introductory course in data science/statistics
- A two-course sequence in single-variable calculus
- Multivariable calculus
- Linear Algebra
- Differential Equations

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The proposed Pathway in Aerospace Engineering will consist of the following courses:

- Calculus-based physics (full sequence with lab)
- Single-variable calculus (full sequence)
- Multivariable Calculus
- Linear Algebra
- Differential Equations
- General Chemistry (full sequence with lab)
- Materials
- Statics
- Circuits

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The proposed Pathway in Environmental Science will consist of the following courses:







- Calculus-based physics (full sequence with lab)
- Introductory Biology (full sequence with lab)
- Single-variable calculus (full sequence)
- General Chemistry (full sequence with lab)
- Introductory Statistics course
- Principles of Economics (microeconomics)
- One semester of Organic Chemistry

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Source: [https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/\\_files/reports/js-yg-new-uc-transfer-pathways.pdf](https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/js-yg-new-uc-transfer-pathways.pdf).

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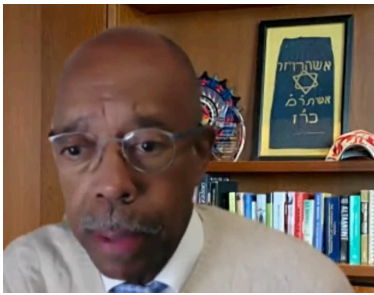


Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Drake is Stepping Down at End of Academic Year







From the [LA Times](#) (Teresa Watanabe): University of California President Michael V. Drake announced Wednesday he would step down at the end of 2024-25 academic year from the nation's top public research university system after managing the pandemic, campus policing, tumultuous protests and budget woes during what will have been a challenging five-year tenure.

Drake, 74, brought leadership experience, academic credentials, political savvy and personal qualities that helped steady UC at a time of turmoil when he took the helm in 2020 after serving for four decades in the UC system and then as president of The Ohio State University. During his UC



*presidency, the pandemic blew up campus budgets and sowed uncertainty over reopening classrooms. The 2020 killing of George Floyd by a white police officer triggered demands to defund campus law enforcement. Relationships with Sacramento had frayed, jeopardizing state funding. Then last year campuses were roiled by protests over the Israel-Hamas war...*

Full story at <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-07-31/uc-president-drake-to-step-down-after-managing-pandemic-policing-protests-budget-woes>.

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